

Paper White for the Chinese New Year



Abundant sun was there to shine
on Chinese New Year's Day
You opened not and did not go
out off your pretty way
My honoured guest, please tell me why
you tarried for so long
And only bloom this second day
when rain is here to stay?

The flower *narcissus tazetta* is the perfect companion for the Chinese New Year period. The first three days are auspicious, so the poet would have loved to see her open up on the very first day when the sun was shining. But the affinity of this pretty flower with water is evident from it's chinese name, meaning „water fairy“, so one can expect an answer of the little flower along these lines.